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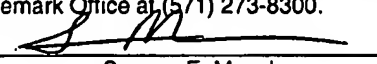
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Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks below. While no fees should be required for entry of this response, if any fees or charges are required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge them to Deposit Account 18-1167.